AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 11, 2010

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2764

Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Feuer (Chair), Brownley, Evans, Jones, Lieu, and Monning)

February 25, 2010

An act to amend Section 6140 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the State Bar Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2764, as amended, Committee on Judiciary. The State Bar Act: fees.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation. Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the State Bar to charge an annual membership fee for active members of up to \$315 for the year 2010. Existing law also requires the board to charge an annual membership fee for inactive members of up to \$75. Under existing law, these fees are payable on or before the first day of March 2010.

This bill would require the board to charge that annual membership fee for active members for 2011. The bill would also specify that the annual membership fee for active members and inactive members is payable on or before the first day of February of each year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6140 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership fee for active members for 2011 at a sum not exceeding three hundred fifteen dollars (\$315).
- (b) The annual membership fee for active members for 2010 is payable on or before the first day of February of each year. If the board finds it appropriate and feasible, it may provide by rule for payment of fees on an installment basis with interest, by credit card, or other means, and may charge members choosing any alternative method of payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that election.
- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1 2012, and, as of that date, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends that date.